

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for setting ~~at least one stone~~ stones having a girdle in a substantially planar piece of metal, said method comprising:
~~piercing at least one two or more holes in the piece of metal, each hole for being configured to receiving thereon of the stones,~~
~~placing a one of the stones in each hole,~~
~~manually applying a tool perpendicularly to a surface of the piece of metal and close to a periphery of each hole, an end of said tool having a tip for pushing back a lip of metal onto the girdle of the stone, said tool including a face with multiple facets that converge at said tip, and forming at least one indentation comprising at least one light-reflecting facet via said applying and a pressing of said multiple facets into said surface of the piece of metal, and~~
creating indentations in an entirety of the substantially planar surface of the piece of metal that is bound by said two or more stones.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the tool is applied mechanically.
4. (Withdrawn) A tool for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1, comprising at its end at least one convergent surface ending in a tip.
5. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein the tool has at the end a conical form ending in the tip.
6. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein the tool has at the end a tetrahedral form ending in the tip.
7. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein the tool has at the end several facets converging toward the tip.
8. (Withdrawn) The tool as claimed in claim 4, wherein the tip of the tool has a radius of 0.2 to 0.5 mm.

9. (Withdrawn) A product such as a jewel or timekeeper comprising a piece of metal on which is placed at least one stone having a girdle, the product comprising, around at least one stone, at least one indentation having a facet impressed into a surface of the piece of metal, forming a lip that covers the girdle of the stone.

10. (Withdrawn) The product as claimed in claim 9, wherein an entire surface of the piece of metal bounded by two or more stones is impressed with indentations.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piece of metal is titanium.